GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2015
Construction of National Highways
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways (NHs) constructed/being constructed under various modes during each of the last three years and the current year along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the details of NHs stalled for lack of funds, State-wise;

(c) whether the average pace at which construction is taking place is insufficient to meet the present day requirement of the road network in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to speed up the road projects including pumping of funds to end financial constraints?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 ANSWERED ON 10.12.2015 ASKED BY DR. K. GOPAL AND SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) The National Highways (NHs) constructed/being constructed under various modes during each of the last three years and the current year along with the expenditure incurred thereon is as below:

Sl. No.	Year	Length completed in km	Expenditure in Rs. Crore excluding PPP
1	2012-13	5732	19234.06
2	2013-14	4260	28090.09
3	2014-15	4410	26838.38
4	2015-16	3480	25186.70

(b) There is no lack of funds. However, some projects are delayed/stalled due to inadequate liquidity of funds by contractors/concessionaires. The details are annexed.

(c) The average pace of construction is more than 16 km per day at present which is proposed to increase to 30 km per day to meet the requirement of the road network.

(d) The steps taken to speed up the road projects including pumping of funds to end financial constraints are as under :

â€¢ By way of granting permission of 100% equity divestment after two years of completion of the projects with the condition to invest such divested amount in their other incomplete NHAI's projects awarded on PPP model.

â€¢ On the recommendations of NHAI, Government has accorded approval for one time infusion of funds by NHAI so that projects which are not able to reach completion due to lack of promoter equity and / or bank debt can be offered such funding so that the project can get completed and start earning toll revenue in respect of projects awarded on PPP model. This is applicable to both BOT(Toll) and BOT (Annuity) projects.

â€¢ On the recommendations of NHAI, Reserve Bank of India has directed the Financial Institutions to consider loans to Highway projects as secured to the extent covered by termination payment provisions in respect of projects awarded on PPP model.

â€¢ Permitted deferment of premium / revenue share in respect of 20 NHs projects awarded on PPP model for their speedy completion.

â€¢ Extension of the scheduled completion date for the delays not attributable to the concessionaire in both BOT (Toll) and BOT (Annuity) projects to facilitate/revival of such projects., etc